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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 505

DATE PREPARED: Jan 15, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Parental involvement plan for schools.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a school corporation to develop and file with the state Department of Education a plan to encourage and facilitate parental involvement in schools.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill could require some additional one time expenditures by the Department of Education. The bill requires the receipt and filing of approximately 294 reports by local schools. Since the bill only requires the one report by schools, the cost of filing the plans would probably be minor and could probably be absorbed in the Department's current budget.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill could increase the administrative cost for local school corporations. The bill requires the plan to be developed in consultation with parents and teachers.

The methods for encouraging parental involvement could include:

1. establishment of a parent ombudsman position,
2. providing parents with access to learning aids to assist with work at home,
3. providing information to parents regarding home study techniques, and
4. facilitating parental access to school resources.

If the cost to develop the plan averaged \$500 per school corporation then the impact would be about \$147,000.

The fiscal impact does not include the cost of implementing the parental involvement plans. The plan would be implemented with existing school resources and the impact would vary from school to school.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education

Local Agencies Affected: Local School Corporations

Information Sources: